Dr A. Gray New-York

BOTANISCHER GARTEN ZU HAMBURG.

Botanischer Garten zu Hamburg

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Sir

Acknowledging thankfully the receipt of your Letter of the 17th Novemb. I beg leave to repeat that also your Letters of the 18th April and 23d of Sept.r together with the passages You have sent me came only to hand, also that I have sent allready the 23d of October last to Mess.rs Albrecht & C.o of Havre to be forwarded to Dr Torrey the printed sheets of which the whole edition was been burnt in New York, such as You desired it in two of your letters, and which sheets I presume long before this in your hands. In the contrary, that is to say if my sending of the 23d October to Dr Torrey should have been lost, I request You to inform me in time of it, I then will claim for You the only remaining copy now in the hands of my friend Nees von Esenbeck.

My last letter of the 15th July has reached You, as I learn by a Letter from Dr Torrey for whom I had remitted the Carices of Schkuhr which he had desired from me. The collection of Hepaticae which I then promised to You — consisting in near 300 choice Specimens — I now send You together with my confessions relating those Hepaticae, which You had the kindness to send me. I shall be very glad if You will continually re-

remember of this family and communicate to me all what will be henceforward found of the same in your country.

Mr Nees von Esenbeck as Prof. Schlechtendal have rejoiced very much at the sendings from New York and both intend to address to me proper returns for the same in order to be forwarded to You. Prof. Schlechtendall will send to Dr Torrey a compleat copy of the Linnaea and has allready addressed to me the five prior Volumes, which I transmit at present should the remaining ones come to hand before the Ships sails, they will be yet added to the package. Nees von Esenbeck will also send the Flora of Brasil as far as done by him.

For Yourself I now send the 2d Volume of Kunthes Enumeratio and for Dr Torrey the 1st Volume of the same work which he desired from me.

The two Volumes of your Cyperaceae and Gramineae highly rejoiced me. I eagerly wish to possess this excellent work wholly compleat and therefore I beg leave to observe that in my copy the numbers 39, 45, 55, 114 and 169 are wanting.

As You desired me to send You an Introduction to botany, I transmit You the most recent work in that kind from Defandolle the Son Vol. 1 and 2. and at the same time the Organographie published by the father. In german tongue we possess of such works many and too very good ones, which I will send You as soon as I learn that You understand German. I have yet to observe, that I wrote to Dr Torrey the 18th of January via Havre, in order to transmit to him as soon as possible a new tract about the Cyperaceae, and that the same letter mentions some wishes of mine.

I wish and hope that the great misfortune, the enormous Incendie at New York, of which all newspapers relate, may have done no hurt neither to You nor to Dr Torrey and will feel very happy if Your next letter will confirm it.

A friend of mine, Member of our Senate, Dr Binder, a great friend of the Algologie transmits to Dr Torrey a package containing Algae which I hope will prove acceptable, and begs to receive in return all the Algae as well of salt as of fresh water which may be had there. I beg leave to recommend this object also to You and shall take due care of any thing which You may send me as well for this friend as for Nees von Esenbeck and Prof. Schlechtendal.

With the most heartfelt wishes for Your welfare I remain with sincere esteem

Sir

Your most obliged.

Lehmann